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Smashing year for Pavilion



A NEW team has taken over at the Old Castle Hotel, Weymouth, headed up by Ian Lloyd-Edwards

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WEYMOUTH Pavilion has announced plans to invest £25,000 in improving the theatre's foyer and Ocean Room ready for the 2016 sea-

This comes after a very successful 2015 season that ended with the hugely popular Christmas pantomime Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, which smashed the previous year's box office records

Now staff look forward to a packed 2016

by Harry Walton

programme, which features a major coup for the theatre after they secured the national blockbusting musical, Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat.

Pavilion Manager Phil Say said: "We have enjoyed an absolute blinder of a Christmas season beyond our wildest dreams.

"Panto tickets were more than 21 percent

up on our previous record set in 2014 at 15,500 tickets against 12,800.

"On top of that we can announce that our revival is going so well that we have been selected as the only entertainment centre in the entire area to be chosen by the national awardwinning musical Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat which will be staged here at the Pavilion from June 21st-25th.

"The performances

are so detailed and so "It will have X Factor winner Joe McElderry big that just bringing along props and scenery in the title role and tickfills up four huge trucks.

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Foster parents begin New Year with



ROY and Kathleen Shayler of Weymouth receive MBEs for fostering 150 children

crashed to the ground in a recent storm which lashed Weymouth.

It narrowly missed flattening a number of gravestones in the cemetery off Quibo Lane.

The trunk of the tree was sheared off low down but fell on an open area of grass while its huge canopy crashed down to just miss a concentration of gravestones.

Weymouth and Portland Mavor Councillor Christine James said: "These recent storms have been so fierce that I am really surprised there has not been more damage.

"I shall be getting on to the council and say that they need to get some workmen along to sort it out. Thank God none of the grave stones were damaged."



Panto ticket sales smashes records

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tickets for Joseph will go on sale at 10am on Monday, January 11th on line and at our box office.

"Finally we are spending £25,000 on refurbishing the whole of the Ocean Room and the foyer ready for the 2016 season which starts with the South West regional Rotary conference in March when 800 delegates will be here.

"All this means that we have had the

most incredible Christmas with the good news set to continue into 2016."

He added that the popular summer pantomime, Pirates of the Pavilion, would be back in July and August for the school summer holidays.

Mr Say said: "We now also have the final figures for 2015 which reveal that our box office sold more than 80,000 tickets worth more than £1.2 million....not bad for an entertainment centre which was on its knees when we took over in 2013.

"We hope to continue our success this year. We currently employ more than 30 full and part-time staff and our future workload is now so great that we will be employing even more staff in 2016.

"One final set of figures has amazed us. We sold more than 7,000 tubs of icecream during the Snow White pantomime. Just thinking about that makes me

MBE honour

A COUPLE from Weymouth have awarded the MBE in the New Year's Honours list for services to children and families.

Kathleen and Roy Shayler from St Anne's, Weymouth, have fostered 150 children during the past 44 years and are still fostering with two children who they will look after long-term.

The couple have four of their own children, one of which is also a foster carer, and live just yards from Kathleen's sister, who also fosters.

They were nominated for the award by Wolverhampton City Council who they still foster for becoming long-term foster parents for the city when they moved to Weymouth from the area

"We started in 1972 and never looked back," said Mrs Shayler, "We just like to be part of a big family and most Sundays you are likely to find at least a dozen people here for lunch."

Mr Shayler initially started work as a fabricator and welder for a Granby company, but later moved to Wareham to work, where he stayed until his retirement eight years ago. The couple have been together since they were 14, meeting at school.

"The neighbours were a little startled when we first turned up in a 15seater minibus with ten children, three of our own and seven we were then fostering," he said.

The couple bought their home in Weymouth in 1992 and moved in a year later.

"We bought a house in Weymouth because it is such a beautiful place to live, and Wolverhampton asked us if we would change our status to have children long-term so we could bring some down with us. To grow up by the sea is wonderful.'

Mrs Shayler says she was bursting to tell family and friends about the MBE when they were

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first told of it about six week ago - but were sworn to secrecy.

"Roy said 'look at this letter'. I thought it was just a wind-up, but when we realised it wasn't we were so shocked, to us this is just a way of life and we love it."

Apart from fostering Mrs Shayler still works part-time in the community, helping two people with severe learning difficulties. She has worked with them for more than 20 years.

The couple will travel to Buckingham Palace to receive the award in the summer.

Other local award winners were Mrs Gillian Penwell from Nightingale Court, Weymouth who was awarded the

British Empire Medal for services to the elderly and bereaved people through her work with CRUSE and Weymouth and Portland Carers UK.

She started volunteering for CRUSE in 2007 after receiving help from the charity when her husband, David, died suddenly.

Mrs Penwell said that she was privileged to receive the award and happy to do so on behalf of all volunteers

She runs a bereavement group at Pilgrim House in Hope Square which meets from 10.30am to 12.30pm on the first Wednesday of every month and from 2pm to 4pm on the third Wednesday of every

Council strike deal over office refurbishment

A £750,000 deal has been agreed between Weymouth and Portland Borough Council and Morgan Sindall to refurbish the Crookhill offices and the Mulberry Centre.

The figure is £350,000 more than the estimated cost reported to borough councillors in November 2014 - but the council says that the move out of the North Quay offices, which are being sold should save £200,000 each year in running costs.

The authority also says that part of the increase is due to work which was not envisaged at the

The Crookhill offices at Chickerell Road will be used as an open-plan office for 50 staff.

Changes to the Mulberry Centre will create a mayoral parlour and meeting rooms.

Both buildings are expected to be ready in spring 2016.





Death Notice

MARY ROSE WHITE

Passed away peacefully at The Joseph Weld Hospice on the 28th December 2015, aged 91 years. Wife of the late Les. A much loved mum, nan and great-nan. Requiem Mass to be held at St Michael & St. George's Roman Catholic Church, Lyme Regis on Tuesday 12th January at 10.00am. Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, for The Weldmar Hospicecare Trust may be given at the Service, online at funeraldirectors.uk.com or sent c/o W. G. Potter Funeral Directors, William Potter House, 5 West Street, Axminster, EX13 5NX.



View Family Announcements



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Dorset police report improvement in answering 999 calls

DORSET Police are reporting a ten per cent improvement in the time it takes to answer 999 calls.

In November 93 per cent of the calls were answered within 10 seconds – an increase from the same time last year when 91 per cent of 999 calls were answered within 10 seconds.

Calls received via the 101 service also showed an improvement as 75 per cent of calls were answered within 30 seconds during November 2015; up from 66 per cent in November 2014. On average 8,500 calls to the 101 line are re-

ceived per week - equivalent to over 1,200 calls But the police say they are still receiving far too

many calls which have nothing to do with police matters - which stops those with genuine calls from getting through.

Assistant Chief Constable, David Lewis, says: "It is still a surprise that the Force receives such high volumes of calls which are not police related matters. This is a concern because these calls prevent other people who have a genuine need to speak with the Force from getting through in a timely fashion."

These included a caller who rang 999 to say they were unhappy because a take away delivery driver didn't have any change; one who rang 999 to ask what the non-emergency number was and another who called 999 to report 'I've lost my friend in the

Dorset Police say that ongoing recruitment has aided the increased performance and say that further improvements to the service could be noticed during 2016 as a result of new call centre technologies being delivered.

Mr Lewis says that the 101 line should be used to: give the police information about crime in your area; to speak to the police about a police related enquiry; if your car has been stolen; if property has been damaged; if you suspect drug use or dealing in your local area, and to report a minor traffic ac-

"If a crime is in progress, or life is at risk, you should always call 999," he said.

Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner, Martyn Underhill, said: "I am pleased by recent performance figures which has seen Dorset Police improve its response times to answering non-emergency calls on its 101 service... The number of people contacting me regarding the 101 service has fallen over the last few months, however, I still think there is work to be done in improving public confidence in the 101 service."

The Dorset Police website has a 'Do It Online' service, enabling members of the public to make a general enquiry, report lost property, request a call back, message an officer directly or make a

PCC welcomes Government budgets

DORSET Police and Crime Commissioner Martyn Underhill has welcomed the news that Dorset Police budgets will be largely protected by the Home Office.

The proportion of money that the government contributes to policing Dorset has reduced by 0.6 per cent rather than the three and a half per cent expected before the November Comprehensive Spending Review.

Mr Underhill said: "On the face of it, this is a fair settlement. As the Chancellor announced, the Government now expect me to raise the precept by two per cent next year, to maintain the same funding as this

"I shall now ask the people of Dorset for their view, in a consultation which we will launch in early January.'

The consultation will be available on the Police and Crime Commissioner website www.dorset.pcc.police.uk.

BID to hold annual meeting

WEYMOUTH Business Improvement District will hold its annual meeting next Thursday, January 14th, at 6pm in Weymouth Pavilion Ocean Room.

Said BID manager Nigel Reed: "The purpose of an annual meeting is to present the activities of the BID over the past year and to show the

plans for 2016. By holding 1-2-1 and open meetings, plus conducting a survey before the AGM, it will enable us to

"There are still places on the board for those wishing to ioin the board."

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NEW landlord and landlady, lan Lloyd-Edwards and Aija, at the Old Castle Hotel

There's a new king at the castle

WEYMOUTH'S Old Castle Hotel is in the hands of a new team – and looking forward to improvements and a bright future.

New landlord Ian Lloyd-Edwards (43) and his partner Aija are planning to take advantage of their proximity to Castle Cove and the Rodwell Trail offering pub food and a warm welcome to the local community.

Make-overs are planned for the pub interior and also for the beer garden which will have a play area added by the time the warmer weather comes along with the rest of the area being landscaped. The cou**By Trevor Bevins** trevorbevins@gmail.com

ple are hoping to also tempt walkers off the Rodwell Trail for cream teas and have a barbeque in mind for the sun-trap garden by the summer.

The three letting rooms are also due for improvement and the hotel, which is in Sudan Road, just a short distance from the town centre, will be making a feature of its food with offers on a Sunday carvery and special deals on some meals for the over 60s. As much of the menu as possible will be

sourced locally and the partners have taken on Lucaz, an experienced chef.

Ian and Aija are opening the business from 11am until midnight and will be encouraging local residents to make us of the facilities, supporting the hotel's existing darts team and adding other pub teams, if patrons want it. The hotel is also family and dog friendly.

For Ian taking on the hotel is a return to Weymouth. He grew up in Preston and until recently was working in the Bath area – holding all the required qualifications to manage a successful hotel or pub.

"We are looking at a number of areas to benefit local people – a quiz night, special food nights, guest beers and we aim to be family orientated with a warm welcome for all," said Ian.

The current beers on tap include the popular Doom Bar, John Smith's Extra Smooth, Courage Best, Carling, Kronenburg, Fosters and Thatcher's cider – in addition to bottle beers and ciders, soft drinks and a range of spirits and mixers.

"We aim to be an important part of the local community and want this to be a successful venture which everyone benefits from," said Mr Lloyd-Edwards.

THE View from Weymouth and Portland would like to apologise to Mr Lloyd-Edwards for incorrectly reporting that the Old Castle had closed during the Christmas period (December 30th edition 'Two pubs call last orders'). This was in fact untrue and we would like to apologise for any upset caused.

The Old Castle is open for business and Mr Lloyd-Edwards and his family look forward to welcoming customers old and new to the pub.



■ NEW landlord and landlady, Ian Lloyd-Edwards and Aija, centre, with staff from the Old Castle Hotel

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College to offer course on South Dorset Ridgeway

KINGSTON Maurward College is running a 20-session course about the South Dorset Ridgeway - starting in February.

Interest in the area has been growing with volunteers over the past year giving an estimated £35,000 worth of work - according to Jill Hearing, project officer of the South Dorset Ridgeway Landscape Partner-

Many of those volunteers are expected to be amongst those who sign up for the course which will look at the natural history of the landscape and provide an introduction to the Ridgeway, its geology, ecological/archaeological characteristics and how important it is for our cultural and historical identity.

It will also look at its historical development and past management, and how this has impacted upon our current landscape. There will be archaeological site visits and engagement in current habitat management partnerships and programs (to include all day practical management including dry stone walling, scrub clearance), as well as walks and talks from other partners.

Flora and fauna of the Ridgeway will be studied alongside development of ID skills and a range of practical surveys; plus future outcomes and sustainable management to ensure the safeguarding of this important landscape to maintain its legacy.

Course Leader, Vikki Gallagher, said: "It is so important to encourage all of our local businesses and inhabitants to acquire knowledge and understanding of the history the South Dorset

lighten the next generation and the visitors that our businesses depend on - especially when the reason the tourists visit is because of the stunning landscape. These ambassadors will hopefully increase the number of days the visitors stay when they realise how much more there is to see and learn."

This course is aimed at those with an interest in where they live - those working in voluntary organisations, the tourist industry, farmers, parents, teachers or retired people - who want to know more about the area and to inspire the next generation.

The course starts Monday, February 22nd and costs £250 for more information go to kmc.ac.uk or call 01305 215025.

Dorchester choir seeks new members

A DORCHESTER based choir is seeking more members.

Popular Dorsetwide community choir, the Local Vocals, is keen to welcome new members to its Dorchester group. Choir Leader Lesley Whatley said: "The Local Vocals have thriving acapella choirs in other parts of Dorset and we want people in the Dorchester area to swell our numbers

"We will be working on a new set of songs ready for a Spring charity event so it's a great time for new members to join

All songs are taught by ear and no audition is necessary.

The choir meets on Tuesday mornings, 10.15am to 12noon in the Cerne Abbas Room, United Church, Charles Street, Dorchester.

For more information, visit www.localvocals.org, or contact Lesley Whatley via email at sing-lesley@whatfish.plus.com, or phone 01258 837775.

STRONG winds during the first week of the New Year left some of the protective plastic sheeting around the new apartment block at Brewery Square ripped to shreds.

Work on the development is continuing well with many of the new homes being snapped up 'off plan'.



Last chance to see St Ives collection at museum

DORSET County Museum will keep its current exhibition, 'St Ives and British Modernism: The George and Ann Dannatt Collection', open until Saturday, January

Director of Dorset County Museum, Dr Jon Murden said: "This has already proved to be a very popular exhibition, and I'm really pleased that it will be staying in

Dorset for three extra weeks, giving locals and visitors alike the chance to come and see it."

Marking the centenary of George Dannatt's birth in 1915, the exhibition explores one of Dorset's most significant art collections - assembled by George and Ann Dannatt.

The collection includes a largely unseen and newly conserved

group of paintings, drawings, sculptures and prints by key figures associated with the St Ives Group of Artists in the 1950s, 60s and 70s, including Terry Frost, Roger Hilton, Peter Lanyon, Ben Nicholson, Wilhelmina Barns-Gra ham and John Tunnard.

The exhibition is a partnership with the Pallant House Gallery, Chichester.

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Draft economic plan up for consultation

Economic Plan has been put together as a guiding document to strengthen and build upon Weymouth's key assets.

The plan forms part of a national Coastal Comwhich aims to improve the economy in coastal areas, a similar plan is being developed for Portland.

The draft plan was developed by the Wey-Coastal Communities Team which involves mem-

and Portland Partnership Business Leader's Group. The plan aims to set out a focused strategy and action plan to realise the opportunities and address the economic challenges facing the area

Councillor Mike Byatt, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council's Briefholder for Economic Development, said: "This plan will form part of a wider economic strategy for the future and

development of the Western Growth Corri-

"Despite significant challenges, Weymouth has the potential to grow. All the ingredients are in place for the town to re-establish itself as a vibrant community with a strong and diverse economic foundation.

"We are keen for people to have the opportunity to comment on the developing strategy, specifically the projects that need to be taken forward to advance the

"Please provide your comments by e-mailing them by January 22nd to community planning@westdorset-weymouth.gov.uk."

The draft plan is availdorsetforyou.com/Weymouth-and-Portland-Partnership. Further consultation events are taking place during January to develop the action plan to support economic development and accelerate growth in the greater Weymouth area. Details of these events will available on the webpage above.

A PUBLIC meeting is being held next week at The Heights Hotel, Portland to talk about future projects to improve the area's economic viability.

The Portland Community Partnership will be holding the meeting on Tuesday, January 12th 7pm to update progress on the Community Economic Vision and details of potential future projects.

Portland is to get a share of a £3million Government grant to help secure local attractions.

The Chesil Cove West Weares restoration proj-Portland (£50,000)and the restoration of The Old Fleet Church Wall Project (Fleet/Weymouth with £10,000 are amongst the Dorset schemes to gain from the grants.

This work is linked with projects being carried out by the Coastal Community Teams who are working to put together economic plans

■ EVERY Christmas the Weymouth lifeboat crew hold open house to the

friends, family and supporters of the lifeboat station.

It offers a chance to swop Christmas wishes and have a festive drink and in 2016, like every year, the Mayor of Weymouth and Portland paid a visit.

This year it was Councillor Christine James who is pictured here after dropping in on Christmas day morning to wish the volunteer crew a very merry Christmas.



Police seek witnesses to moped accident

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to an accident on Portland which resulted in a young moped rider being taken to Southampton Hospital for specialist treatment.

A collision between the scooter and a Ford Mondeo car happened at around 9.20pm on Wednesday, December 23rd on Weston Road.

The rider of the scooter, a 20-year-old Weymouth man, suffered serious injuries to his pelvis. He was initially taken to Dorset County Hospital before being transferred to Southampton General Hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Ford Mondeo – a 56-yearold local man, and a 51-year-old female passenger were uninjured.

Sergeant Jon Wren, of Dorset Police's Traffic Unit, said: "I am appealing to anyone who may have witnessed the collision or the manner of

driving of either vehicle prior to the collision to contact me on 101."

The police incident number is 23:381.

Drop-in sessions for new school campus

COMMUNITY drop-in sessions are being held to find out more about Maritime House, the new campus for the Isle of Portland Aldridge Community Academy.

The next sessions will be on January 13th at the Osprey Quay Campus and March 8th at Southwell Campus.

Said Academy Director for Change and Innovation, Gary Spracklen: "The community dropin sessions are a great way for parents, carers and members of the wider IPACA community to find out about our exciting plans.

Twinners' AGM

WEYMOUTH and Portland Holzwickede Twinning Society will be holding their annual meeting on Monday, January 11th.

The event at the council offices on North Quay, Weymouth, will start at 7.30pm.

Optics day to be held at Chesil Beach Centre

AN 'optics' day is being held at the Chesil Beach Centre this Saturday, January 9th.

Visitors to the Dorset Wildlife Trust centre will be able to try out binoculars and telescopes between 10am and 4pm with an expert on hand to offer advice.

At West Weares works will include improving accessibility to the area, new stone seating, new information boards and professional fees for suitable lighting designs



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Parking restriction plans to be dropped

PLANS to change parking restrictions in Dorchester's Coburg and Edward Roads has been dropped by the county council – for the time being.

The authority had wanted to lift some of the parking restrictions in a bid to ease problem parking on other nearby roads – until residents told them to think again.

Part of the plan included allowing drivers to stay longer on the western section of the road nearest the middle school, but residents said that if this was allowed there would be no space for parents dropping off and picking up children – adding to the congestion in the section of the road outside

By Trevor Bevins

the Middle School.

Since the start of short-stay and residents only parking in Alexandra Road, Coburg Road and Edward Road all-day parking has spread to Queens Road, Clarence Road, Treves Road and Maud Roads – to the annoyance of those who live there.

There are also similar problems in and around Monmouth Road on the other side of Weymouth Avenue.

Many of those who park on the streets are town

centre workers, including staff at the County Hospital, only a short walk away from many of the favoured free parking locations.

The problems in many of the roads is made worse at either end of the day as parents arrive to pick up and drop off their children at the Middle School and at Thomas Hardye's.

Ward councillor for Coburg Road Councillor Trevor Jones has written to residents who submitted comments on the proposed changes to tell them: "Having had a discussion with the appropriate officer in County Hall, it's been agreed that the revocation of the present Residents' Parking Scheme in both Coburg Road and Edward Road is not going to proceed immediately.

"There have been sufficient objections to generate a rethink," said Councillor Jones, adding that fresh proposals may well yet appear in the spring. If they do residents will be given another chance to comment.

County council sees a rise in money spent on agency staff

DORSET County Council has seen a 20 per cent increase in the amount it spends on agency staff.

The move has upset longterm contract workers who often now sit next to less qualified and experienced staff being paid twice as much as they are.

From July to September £1.8 million was spent on agency workers — compared to £1.5 million for the same period the previous years.

Social Services is one of the worst areas for the use of agency staff where newly qualified workers frequently find they are unable to afford housing in the county.

The council says it uses agency staff and consultants on a temporary basis to cover va-

cancies during a restructure, or where there is a demand that cannot immediately be met by the normal recruitment procedure; or to cover temporary short-term peaks in workload. Some are used for specialist support and advice.

In social services the council has seen a massive increase in the demand for services from vulnerable families and has spent £713,200 to support children's services in July-September last year.

The council says it has proposals in place to attract more permanent social workers.

Other big spenders on agency staff are the Dorset Waste Partnership which forked out £752.4000 on agency staff from July-September.

Dorset County Council Cabi-

net member for corporate development, Robin Cook, said: "We are working hard to reduce the amount we spend on agency staff, but the fact remains that in certain areas of our business we bring them in to help us keep our essential front-line services going.

"We sometimes need specialist knowledge (often for a short time or on a one-off basis) or skills and knowledge that our own members of staff don't have. In these instances it makes sense to use consultants."

More than 1,270 full-time equivalent jobs have disappeared from the county council since June 2010. Roughly 500 were redundancies and more than 340 voluntary redundancies.

Slimming consultant meets soap star

A SLIMMING World consultant from Dorchester recently met soap actor and pop star Jason Donovan at an awards ceremony.

Tracie Williams who leads a Slimming World group at Dorchester Community Church every Friday, was delighted to get a chance to cuddle up to the Australian heartthrob when he swapped Ramsay Street for the annual Slimming World Awards.

He co-hosted the event with the organisation's chair and founder Margaret Miles-Bramwell OBE.

Tracie said 2015 had been a big year for Slimming World, with the organisation welcoming hundreds of thousands of members and launching its first-ever food range, and hopes 2016 will be just as successful.

"Lots of people will be making resolutions to lose weight and improve their health this

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SLIMMING World Consultants Becs King and Tracie Williams meet former soap star and singer Jason Donovan

New Year," she said.

"I truly believe that joining their local Slimming World group is the best way for people to lose weight and learn new habits. Thanks to our famous Food Optimising eating plan they'll see big results on the scales without ever having

to feel hungry or deprived, and at Slimming World they'll discover a whole world of support and advice that's sure to help them reach their targets.

"What I love is that while our members lose weight, they also grow in confidence and happiness – we joke the only thing that gets bigger at our groups is our smiles! We've had a lot of fun together in 2015 and I can't wait to see what 2016 holds for.

"I'd love anyone who's thinking about losing weight this January to join us."



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New book tells of Weymouth's medieval history highs and lows

WEYMOUTH had a long and interesting history before the visits of King George III set it on course to become a famous holiday resort.

This book, Medieval Weymouth: Growth and Decline by James Crump (YouCaxton Publications £6.99), traces the stories of the rival towns of Weymouth and Melcombe Regis in the Middle Ages.

It shows how they grew from small fishing settlements to two of the most prosperous ports in Dorset especially after King Edward I ordered the complete redevelopment of Melcombe.

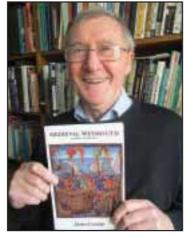
However, from the middle of the 14th Century disease and war sent them into a period of decline.

The book looks at the often unruly lives of the ordinary townspeople and the attempts of the town authorities to govern them.

It also describes the efforts of some leading figures to remedy the lack of religious provision in the towns.

It suggests that Weymouth and Melcombe's 'middle ages' lasted until the end of the 16th century when they managed to sink their differences and build a bridge.

There are details of the two charters for Weymouth and Melcombe Regis, how those medieval towns sought to expand, their trade, the type of ships using the



■ AUTHOR James Crump with his Medieval Weymouth book

port, the effect of the Black Death, French attacks and the growth of religion.

Life of the times included observations on everything from dung being dumped in the streets to early legal proceedings over everything from an assault by a man using a rake to complaints about a dog killing poultry as well as prosecutions for more serious assaults involving swords or daggers.

Author James Crump and his wife,

Pauline, literally measured the town centre for this book.

James said: "We used a tape divided into the old medieval perch unit which is 16ft 6in.

"Property boundaries exist for a very long time so, when we measured building frontages and they matched a perch unit, we knew it was likely that the boundary was a medieval one.

"We found that the central block of Weymouth town centre from St Mary Street to St Thomas Street was still exactly eight perches wide.

"Overall it took me eleven years to collect all the information and to write this book....and very rewarding it was too!"

James Crump read history at Oxford University, before teaching school students, undergraduates and interested adults. He wrote about social and industrial history in his native Yorkshire before moving to Dorset. For the last 20 years he has been researching Dorset history and is especially interested in the early history of towns.

Copies of his book are available from him at jp@crump491.plus.com or 01305 812546 priced £6.99. They are also available from: Books Afloat in Park St, the Tourist Information Office in St Thomas St, Chalbury Food and Wine in St Mary St, the Tudor House and Nothe Fort.



■ LION Howard Legg (Mayors' Fund Administrator), Jenny Wood (Sainsbury), Cathy Parnell (First Point Dorset, The YOU Trust), Lion John Cake

WEYMOUTH and Portland Lions have donated £500 to 'The Will Mackaness Trust' to help fund their swimming lesson project.

Said Brian Willett, Chairman of The Will Mackaness Trust: "The trustees are delighted to receive such a generous donation from the Weymouth and Portland Lions Club, which will enable us to fund swimming lessons for more young people from the area."

Added Pam Govier, trustee and founder: "The Will Mackaness Trust was established to get young people from the area to participate in water based activities, such as sail-

ing and wind surfing. We then identified a need for some youngsters to learn to swim before they could participate fully in these activities. As a result of this support from The Lions, a small group of young people, aged 11 plus, will attend two terms of swimming lessons in Weymouth.

"By the end of the lessons, these non-swimmers will be able to swim confidently for at least 25 metres."

President of Weymouth & Portland Lions Club, Les Board, said that the Lions are pleased to help fund projects where young people will benefit.

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■ DORCHESTER'S Trinity Club will host a charity country music night this weekend.

The event is planned for Saturday, January 9th, starting at 8pm, and will feature music from the Dusty Rhodes Band.

Profits from the evening will benefit the Dorset and Somerset Air Ambulance.

■ THE Brownsword Hall events team have organised a Burns Night Supper complete with piper, haggis, address, three-course meal and Scottish country dancing on Saturday, January 30th at 7.30pm.

Tickets will cost £20 per person via www.brownswordevents.org.uk or by calling Sue for further information and details on 01305 751815.

■ MORE than 40 people have attended a Litter Free Dorset workshops.

The event offered ideas about how organisations can work together to tackle littering behaviour across the county.

From the meeting a working group has been formed to look at the next steps including the vision and objectives of the initiative.

The first meeting will be in February, if you would like to sign up to be part of the working group, email - Dorset.coast@dorsetcc.gov.uk

The report from the workshop can be viewed at: https://www.dorsetforyou.com/dorset-coast-forum/events

■ THE Piddle Valley Players are rehearsing for their February performance of Rodgers and Hammerstein's Carousel.

The production is being staged at Piddletrenthide Memorial Hall from February 16th to the 20th at 7pm.

Each performance costs £10, to include refreshments.

Tickets are available from the Old Chapel Stores, Buckland Newton and Piddletrenthide Post Office from January.

Rotary raffle rasies £7,000 for local causes



■ MAYOR Robin Potter drawing the winning ticket



PAULINE Camm receiving her Paul Harris Award

Charity pays tribute to vice president

WELDMAR Hospicecare Trust have paid tribute to Wilfrid Weld, one of the charity's Vice Presidents and the son of Joseph Weld after whom the hospice in Dorchester is named.

Mr Weld died while on holiday before Christmas.

"Wilfrid, and Sally his wife who was for many years a trustee and is also a Vice President, have been tireless supporters of Weldmar hosting many events and contributing with the utmost generosity their time, wisdom and energy to the cause of better end of life care for people in Dorset. We send Sally

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and her family our deepest sympathy," said Stephen Baynard, chariman.

Mr Weld, 81, from the Lulworth Estate died on Tuesday, December 3rd in Tahiti, after being taken ill while travelling with his wife Sally.

Amongst other posts Mr Weld was president of Dorset County Cricket Club, Dorset Master Thatchers, the Dorset Blind Association, Dorset Gardens Trust, a vice-president of the Dorset Wildlife Trust and a patron of Headway Dorset.

The funeral will be held at 12pm on Tuesday, January 5th at Lulworth Castle Chapel.

DORCHESTER Mayor Robin Potter has drawn the prizes in the annual Rotary Club raffle draw.

Local charitable organisations benefit from ticket profits which they help to sell.

The draw was held during the Rotary annual dinner at the New Inn, West Knighton.

Forty Rotarians and guests enjoyed a meal and were entertained to a talk and video bringing to life the world of the fairground from the author and family member of the Townsend Fairs – Kay Townsend.

The evening also celebrated one of Rotary's most prestigious awards being presented to Pauline Camm. President lan Dominy spoke about the dedication and hard work during her time in Rotary, especially for her leadership in helping young carers, one of the clubs major areas of support. Pauline was club president in the Rotary year 2011/12.

Since the draw started over £85,000 had been

raised. This year's total was just under £7,000.

The various charitable organisations will each see their money for tickets sales returned to them, plus a

bonus from the Rotary Club. Draw winners were: £500-the winner is in Weymouth with the ticket sold by Dorchester Amateur Boxing Club; £250 - the winner is in Broadmayne with the ticket sold by Rotary; £100 - the winner is in Weymouth with the ticket sold by Dorchester Town Football Club; £50 - the winner lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Company of the Winner lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Company of the Winner lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Company of the Winner Lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Company of the Winner Lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Company of the Winner Lives in Briantspuddle and the ticket sold at Galton Garden Center Center Company of the Winner Center Ce

The club anticipates organising the draw for 2016, and if anyone wishes to get involved as a sponsor or participant they should contact pjwnoble @gmail.com.

This year's draw was supported by local businesses Futurum who sponsored the main prize, as well as M Lucas Funeral Directors, Dorchester Timber, Service-Master, Glencairn House and Westerly (BMW Cars).

If you have a story or photograph email our reporter trevorbevins@gmail.com





WEYMOUTH and Portland Lions Club and The Mayor's Fund have donated festive groceries to the value of £900 to The YOU Trust, administered by First Point, which provides help and guidance for vulnerable people.

The groceries, (£600 from Lions and £300 from the Mayor's Fund), were distributed to those in need in time for Christmas.

To find out more about The YOU Trust, or to donate, please go to their website www.lifeyouwant.org.uk or facebook page www.facebook. com/theyoutrust

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WDDC have to face referendum?

fully achieved a referendum for May 5th on West Dorset's system of governance saw around 7.5 per cent of the electorate sign (only fiver per cent was required) to change from the 'Leader and Executive' system to the broader and, we believe, more democratic 'committee' system.

Ninety nine per cent of the 500 people at public meetings wanted this change; and during the campaign from Lyme Regis to Sherborne we met around just 38 people preferring the 'Leader and Executive' system.

public's petition signatures for such a change were mounting strongly, their Executive decided to voluntarily revert to 'committee' system. We've tabled a public question for WDDC's council meeting at 2.15pm this Thursday, January 7th to ask the Leader if he/his Executive might also kindly consider changing the governance system voluntarily, (as they could) saving everyone time and money.

If they decide not to, Public First believes that on May 5th a strong majority of people parties, whether Conservative, Labour, Lib-Dem, UKIP, Green, Independent etc - and those who don't support any political party - will give a strong endorsement for what is purely a system change... back from a 'Leader and Executive' system to the more democratic 'committee' system. This will enable all 42 of WDDC's elected councillors of whatever political hue - to play a more proportionate role in the council's policy-making. Currently we rely on the Leader of the largest party hand-picking six councillors

powerful 'Leader and Executive' system, whose workings so dominate policy-making and the council. Leadership on the Charles Street, Dorchester, misadventure demonstrates the inherent risk of the more narrow-based 'Leader and Executive' system.

> John Grantham **Public First Group**

Groups could take over youth centres

MOST of Dorset's 22 youth centres, threatened with closure, could be run by local groups - in much the same way that some libraries are now run by volunteers.

The county council says it has had groups come forward interested in running 19 of the 22 youth centres

Among those who have come

forward are parish and town councils and community organisations.

Councillor Toni Coombs, the council's cabinet member for children and young people said: "It's an absolutely incredible response from the community.

A report, outlining the range of offers, will go before county councillors early in 2016.

Workshop on how to live sustainably

AN energy and sustainability free training workshop is being held towards the end of January by Communities Living Sustainably (CLS) in Dorset.

The event, which includes lunch, will take place at Hilfield Friary between 10am and 4pm on Friday, January 29th January and is aimed at groups and individuals who run community buildings.

It will look at improving energy efficiency, making the build-

ings cheaper to run, how to "green" your building and improve building comfort for users. The event will also offer the chance to see the Friary's solar

panels and wood chip boiler.

Places are free but booking is essential - contact: Emily Bullock Emily@da21.org.uk 07507 321954

To find out more about CLS visit - www.clsdorset.org.uk/Default.aspx



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Sports centre team is Schools get up close to history nominated for award

DORCHESTER Sports Centre has gained national recognition as being one of the best performing leisure centres in the UK.

The centre was nominated for the Best Performer in the Sports and Leisure Facility Management category at The Association for Public Service Excellence Awards.

The centre was nominated for its performance in customer care, satisfaction and value for money as well as running costs. It had previously won the 1610 Centre of the Year in 2014.

Dorchester Sports Centre Manager Hamish Cherrett and 1610

Head of Property and facilities Management Chris Engert represented Dorchester Sports Centre at the award in Blackpool.

Hamish said that although they did not win the award outright he was very proud of the nomination. "This nomination is a wonderful achievement for staff at the centre as they are being recognised at a national level for their creativity and dedication.

"We strive for excellence in all that we do, so it's a great end to what has been a very successful year for Dorchester Sports Cen-

do an amazing job making history come visited Dorset County Museum during alive for the children. We couldn't offer

the 2015 - from 56 schools.

Many of these children are local, but the museum also attracts schools from further afield -attracting a class from Germany, and 10 pupils from Singapore.

Emma Talbot, Head of Education and Learning at the museum said: "It is fabulous to see so many children actively engaging with Dorset's past.

"We offer a programme for schools that is creative, fun and hands on as well as being linked to the national curriculum.

"Our tour guides are all volunteers and

this service without them and I can't thank them enough.'

Class Teacher, Sasha Jones of Milborne St Andrew First School said after a recent visit: "The assistance we received from all staff and volunteers was excellent.

"The activities available were perfectly in line with what we have been learning, and the children had a fantastic day and learnt a lot which resulted in some beautiful writing.

"It was a great opportunity for the children to see and touch real Iron Age and their lunch on a real Roman mosaic too."

With a brand new Ancient Dorset Gallery, Dorset County Museum can offer the following educational sessions: Dinosaurs & Fossils; Archaeology; Stone Age to Iron Age; Roman Dorset; Iron Age; a visit to The Roman Town House. All guides are knowledgeable and experienced, and children can handle objects.

Further information about school visits can be obtained from Emma Talbot on 01305 756832, or email her at education@dorsetcountymuseum.org.

Observe the police at work

LOCAL people are being offered the chance to sign up to the Dorset Police Lay Observer Scheme.

It offers the chance to join officers on patrol and see, first hand, how the police work with partner agencies.

The scheme is open to people over the age of 18.

"We cannot guarantee what kinds of incidents officers with observers will attend, but you may encounter officers dealing with shop theft, victims and offenders of burglary, vehicle crime, drug warrants and people being stopped and searched," said a force spokesperson.

Observers have to be security vetted, due to the information they may become aware of, or what they may see during the observation. This can sometimes take a number of weeks.

Scheme participants must also attend a safety briefing prior to going out on patrol. They will have to follow the instructions of the officer they're accompanying at all times and wear a high visibility observer

Feedback will be sought from observers about their time with officers, so that two-way learning can take

DORCHESTER Strollers are inviting those with a 'get fit in 2016' resolution to join them on their regular, free, walks in the county town.

Dorchester Strollers is an accredited Walking for Health Group, offering two walks on Monday mornings and Tuesday afternoons - a slow walk of up to 45 minutes and a longer faster walk of up to 60 minutes. Both are always followed by a cup of coffee/tea, for those who want it.

On a recent slow walk, the walkers stopped to pat the dray horse statue in Drayhorse Square.

Programmes can be obtained from the Tourist Information Centre or by ringing 01305 263759 or looking online at www.walkingforhealth.org.uk

Pictured are Dorchester Strollers members stopping to pat the drayhorse statue at Brewery Square.



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Weymouth Matters

A personal View by HARRY WALTON

ONE of Christmas's traditional symbols, the robin, is a welcome perky appearance in gardens.

We have had robins in our garden for some years now and they can be regularly seen bobing about hunting out morsels of food.

So we are going to spread a little cheer for them by putting out some nuts, seeds and mealworms, the much loved food of robins.

These birds are the gardener's friend, snapping up caterpillars and other bugs and often flitting about within a few feet of the gardener as they dig their plot.

A little help for this lovely bird when times are hard costs next to nothing and ensures such an enchanting creature has a better chance of surviving the winter

The only problem I face doing this is that December storms blasted our bird feeder down the garden and damaged its hanging point. Bit of glue should sort that out....inside of course so the robin doesn't stick to it!

Is Christmas Past better than Christmas Present?

THIS week's Growing Old Disgracefully slot looks at the festive season and whether Christmas Past really was better than Christmas Present.

Modern times dictate all cooking is electronically programmed in to your cooker. It was the same in the old days, the only difference being that the woman of the house was the one being programmed....and she kept better time.

Presents, too, are pretty much the same. Give a modern child the new all-singing, all-dancing, Strictly Star Wars P-Box 3000 thingamajig and they'll be in seventh heaven. Go back many years and the same age child was equally delighted to get the latest die cast model car, doll, board game or medical set. Happiness is the same in any era.

People in both Christmases still ate too much, drank too much and fell asleep in front of the afternoon radio or television with their festive hat draped over one ear.

So what does mark the difference between Christmas Past and Christmas Present?

I think Christmas Past wins the festive feelgood factor because Christmas was nothing like as commercial then as it is now.

As a professional journalist, I wrote my first Christmas story this year....in June! When I started out in 1975 there was rarely a

Christmas story much before mid-November.
The marketing monster has certainly changed that!

So to entertain you, here is a Christmas tale from the late 1950s of my grandfather getting into trouble which is one of my earliest Christmas memories.

One of our Christmas meats that year was a goose but, as it still had a few feathers on, my grandmother detailed my grandfather off to get rid of them prior to the bird being cooked.

Now this was a very fiddly job, so my grandfather came up with an easier and much faster way of doing things. He strung the goose up by the legs from a veranda rafter, got a bit of rag and some methylated spirits, anointed the bird with spirit and set fire to it to burn the remaining feathers off.

Worked like a dream....a nightmare that is!

There was a searing flash as the spirits ignited, the bird was enveloped in blue flame which burned right through the string and the goose plunged down and rolled about on the floor.

My grandmother then made a number of observant and very specific comments about my grandfather and that was his work done for the day!

Hope you all enjoyed your Christmas.

This is one New Year's resolution that I plan to stick to

IN previous years I have written about all the heartfelt New Year resolutions which seemed to last about as long as snow under the sun

But this year I'm actually using a resolution to reinforce an improvement in my life which began back in October.

My family has a history of diabetes and I'd reached the point where the weight I'd slowly gained over many years was being flagged up as a risk I didn't need to in-

crease my chances of getting diabetes.

So I reluctantly tried to lose a few pounds including joining a weight loss club and the difference has been startling, nearly a stone lost in the run up to Christmas.

But there was the dilemma. I love Christmas and all that goes with it and I refused point blank to spend the festive season hunched over a set of scales and calculators laboriously working out if I could afford a teaspoon of pudding if I cut out

ranberry sauce.

There has got to be more to life than that, so I suspended my weight loss program so I could just relax and, within reason, eat what I liked over Christmas and New Year.

That period is now over and my resolution is to get back on the weight loss wagon to continue protecting my health and, I must admit, feeling a lot better.

But there will be a cost. I get weighed at the club today and find out just how much I've gained in the last fortnight.

That will put me in the same position as thousands of you. I will have to make a choice and stick to it as will you whatever your New Year resolution. Good luck to us all

Those also interested in losing weight can join me at my Weightwatchers which meets at St Paul's Church Hall on Abbotsbury Road every Wednesday morning from 9am to about 10.20am.

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With friendly, professional instructors in the fitness suite, getting started in the gym could not be easier. They will work with you during your induction to create a personalised programme tailored to your needs. Or if swimming is more for you, the pool plays host to a number of regular Aqua Fit classes, public swimming sessions and lane swimming, as well as the Big Fish Swim School, water polo and the famous Inflatable Fun Session every weekend.

To help get you started, the team are on hand to : give you a tour of the facilities and to discuss the range of membership options, available for all ages. There is also the offer of 12 months for the price of 10, available on all types of memberships, from multi activity to swim only. To find out more about : Bridport Leisure Centre's Membership Offers please contact a member of the sales team on 01308

All the staff at the Leisure Centre would like to wish you all a happy and healthy New Year. And remember....it's only cold if you're standing still!



Slimming World

A SUPER slimmer who lost 10 stone is hoping to kickstart people's weight-loss dreams in the New Year.

Mick Adams, from Portland, lost 10 stone with Slimming World and is now relaunching his group in Weymouth to inspire others to achieve their weight loss dream.

Mick went from 24stone 7lbs to 14stone 7lbs in 66 weeks and says a number of factors came together to spur him on.

He had been diagnosed with type 2 diabetes and had to inject insulin. He also had difficulty sleeping and suffered with sleep apnea.



Mr Adams described his weight loss as a lifechanging journey and he now wants to help others achieve their weight loss dreams.

He said: "I am nervous and excited and just want to help people in Weymouth along their weight loss journey."

In addition to his regular Tuesday and Saturday sessions at Littlemoor and Southill, Mick is relaunching the Thursday meetings from January 7th at Radipole Primary School, meeting at 5.45pm and at 7:30pm. You can contact Mick on 01305 823282 or 07710 146 643.





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NEW YEAR GOUL What's your New Year's resolution? New Year's resolution?



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Grow Again

LUCY set up her company Grow Again 2 years ago after serving in the Royal Navy as a general and mental health nurse for 13 years. The ethos of Grow Again is to help individuals recover from trauma or any other issue they may be struggling with, give tools to nourish and develop self-awareness and ultimately assist one to reach their full potential. Lucy runs a weekly clinic at the the very tranquil setting of Frogmore Farm near Bridport. She offers a range of therapies from Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT), Eye Movement Desensitisation Reprocessing (EMDR) and Clinical Hypnosis.

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Lucy is a fully trained Mindfulness teacher for both adults and children. She delivers regular workshops, mindfulness based stress reduction courses and retreat days. Mindfulness is all about being in the present moment without judgement. Through learning the skills of mindfulness it can help individuals to turn off the stress reaction and come out of automatic pilot.

Grow Again has been growing over the last two years and now has a team of trainers working with organisations and businesses to reduce the cost of stress in the workplace. This is done by providing training in areas such as building resilience, mindfulness in the workplace and mental health awareness.

For further information about any of the above please visit www.growagain.co.uk or get in touch with Lucy on 07554451347.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop on 29th January 2016 at Masonic Hall in Lyme Regis 1-4pm. Buy one bring a friend for half price!
- Responding instead of Reacting Workshop on 3rd March 2016 6-8.30pm at The Old Rectory in Symondsbury
- Mindfulness Retreat day on 5th March 10-4pm at Frogmore Farm near Bridport
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Fordington Yoga





The Garden Studios

Yoga and Tripudio Movement classes at the Garden Studios Bridport

Classes resume on Monday, January 4th

AS the new year approaches it is a great time to think about what we need in life to make us feel better, live life to our optimum and most importantly with minimum stress! We cant always change work, and some other aspects to our life but we can find ways to support ourselves with body and mind maintenance!

Here at The Garden Studios we hope to offer some skills that may help you move with ease through the year, complementary therapies with Julia provide not just body maintenance, but deep relaxation too. We maintain our cars but forget ourselves, time to make a change!

Paul teaches regular yoga classes Monday to Thursday, both daytime and evening. Small classes and lots of individual attention make these gentle flowing classes suit both absolute beginners as well as those with more experience.

Hatha yoga incorporates not only stretches and movement, but breathing techniques and guided relaxation. A specific meditation and guided relaxation class is available too.

Classes are available for all ages, and restrictions too, there is a class for everyone.

Tripudio Movement classes are particularly helpful for those that find floor work difficult as we stand and sit but don't lie down, gentle effective stretches, mobilization and low impact exercise to a great mix of music. A DVD The Tripudio Flow, making the right moves is now available for home practice too.

The New Year and Garden Studios introduces exercise outside of the studio with the introduction of Nordic Walking, watch out for details of a series of beginners walks to learn the technique, fitness walks, gentle walks too. These are 1 hour sessions with specific warm up and cool down exercises utilizing the poles, Garden Studios will provide equipment, groups will be lead by both Julia and Paul.

The Garden Studios are tucked away just behind St Swithans Court, St Swithans Rd. Access is by foot just down the service road, just a few minutes walk from town and town car parks too.

For more details call 01308 538112 or 07734 511287, email info@gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk, or visit www.gardenstudiosbridport.co.uk. The Garden Studios is located off St Swithans Road DT6







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PUBLIC NOTICES



LYME REGIS TOWN COUNCIL MAJOR GRANTS TO LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

he town council has over £95,000 available to meet funding requests from Lyme Regis organisations that provide services and opportunities for the community

Organisations are invited submit proposals for funding between £5.000 and £30.000

Applications will only be considered from not-for-profit organisations providing services to those based in Lyme Regis, and funding will not normally exceed three years

This is the first of a two-stage process; the council will be seeking applications for funding up to £4,999 in January 2016

Grant guidelines and application forms are available from: Lyme Regis Town Council, Guildhall Cottage, Church Street, Lyme Regis, Dorset, DT7 3BS Tel: (01297) 445175 Fax: (01297) 443773 Email: enquiries@lymeregistowncouncil.gov.uk

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Your guide to local live music

Wednesday 6 Jan Nag's Head, LYME REGIS

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Friday 8 Jan Coach & Horses, Winterbourne Abbas JOHN DE BARRA

The Pilot Boat Inn,

LYME REGIS JIM ALMAND

Saturday 9 Jan The Nag's Head, LYME REGIS

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7pm. Free entry, booking advised - 01305 257070.

Sunday 10 Jan The Crown Inn, BRIDPORT

AMY MAYES 4-6pm

Friday 15 Jan Bridport Arts Centre, BRIDPORT

JAZZ CAFÉ: ANDY **WILLIAMSON AND**

PHILIP CLOUTS

8pm. £10

Saturday 16 Jan Marine Theatre

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The gigs This is the acoustic world Steve's $All\ at\ Sea$

From The Jam on the 'That's Entertainment Acoustic Tour'

BRUCE FOXTON and Russell Hastings, joined on stage by pianist Tom Heel - collectively know as From The Jam – will perform a stripped-back and acoustic selection of songs from The Jam's extensive back catalogue.

The Jam were the sound of the British youth in

the late 70s and this intimate show is a rare opportunity to hear those songs in this stripped down way.

Audiences can expect to hear classics such as 'Down In The Tube Station At Midnight', 'Going Underground', 'Town Called Malice' and 'The Modern World' as well as favourites including 'Strange Town', 'When You're Young' and 'Start'. "We played some acoustic shows last

vear and it was a revelation how well the songs work acoustically" says Bruce. "It's a testament to a good song that they have stood the test of time and don't need a full band and big production in order to work so well."

From The Jam bring the 'That's Enter-

tainment Acoustic Tour' to Dorchester Corn Exchange on Thursday, March 3rd. Doors and bar open at 7.30pm, with the show starting 8pm.Tickets are £20, or £18 members & concessions, available from www.dorchesterarts.org.uk or call



Show of Hands' Steve Knightley pays a visit to the coast

IN EARLY 2014 Steve Knightley set out on his 160 date 'Grow your own Gig' tour of rural village halls. Once described by the Times as the "gravel voiced spokesman of the rural poor" and possessing a vast repertoire of songs about those who live and work in the countryside, this journey finally came to an end in September 2015.

In 2016 he has decided to turn his attention to Maritime venues around the shoreline of England and Wales. The 'All at Sea' tour. will find him playing in seaside halls, an Elizabethan Fort, on boats and in a rich variety of performing spaces all within sight of the waves and the tide.

As Steve says: "As a West country songwriter I have written so many songs of seafarers and wreckers, travellers and traders, pirates and smugglers. Now I'm going to be able to sing them with the sound of the sea in the distance – I can't wait!".

Steve Knightley performs at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Wednesday, February 3rd at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £16, available from www.marinetheatre.com or by calling the box office on 01297 442138.



The venues

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The Crown Inn

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Saturday 16 January, 9.30pm MIDLIFE CRISIS

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Wednesday 6th January, 9pm-late JIM ALMAND

Saturday 9th January, 9pm **REAL DEAL**

Saturday 16th January THE GOD BROTHERS

Saturday 23rd January **POWERCUT**

Saturday 30th January WHITE CITY SHAKERS

Saturday 6th February HALF MOON FEVER

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The live performance will be followed by a guest DJ.

Mr Jèan will play at the Marine Theatre on Friday, January 29th at 7.30pm, (DJ from 9pm). The bar will be open from 5pm. Tickets are £6 on the door. For more details call 01297 442138.



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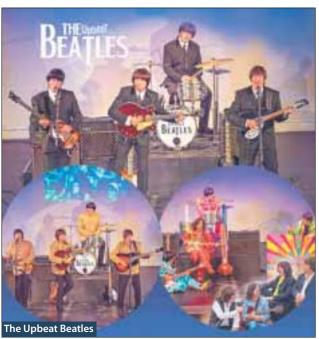
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The Upbeat Beatles are four supremely talented guys – great powerhouse vocals and close harmonies, pumped out with a driving backbeat to give you a night you'll never forget.

The Upbeat Beatles play at Bridport Arts Centre on Saturday, January 23rd at 8pm. Tickets are £16 adults, and £14 concessions, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Arts Centre's Comedy Cafe returns with Geoff Whiting, Tamar Broadbent and more



START the New Year with an evening of laughs at the latest installment of the Comedy Café this Friday, January 8th at Bridport Arts Centre.

This much-loved event returns for it's first show of the year with the excellent

Geoff Whiting, alongside Tamar Broadbent, Aaron Leven and Cally Beaton. Between them they have performed on Radio 4, appeared at the Edinburgh Festival and all appeared up and down the country at comedy clubs. It promises to be a great, laughter filled evening – perfect for the dark days of January!

Tickets are £8/£6 from www.bridportarts.com or by calling 01308 424204

Dow and Clouts for Jazz in the Bar

DON'T MISS an up-close and personal performance by Philip Clouts and Steve Dow in the Stage Door Bar at the Marine Theatre.

Steve Dow is a self-taught guitarist originally from South London. His playing is inspired by the great swing jazz guitarist Freddie Green who played in the Count Basie Orchestra, and guitar masters Wes Montgomery and Barney Kessel.

Steve is a keen vocalist, and will be performing a varied programme of different jazz styles accompanied by pianist Philip Clouts who has been praised in Musician magazine for his "consummate musicianship".

The duo play as part of the Jazz in the Bar series at the Marine Theatre on Saturday, January 9th at 7pm.

Tickets are £10, and a TheatreFriends discount is available.

For more details and to book visit www.marinetheatre.com or call 01297 442138.





from www.weymouthpavilion.com

A welcome return for Andy Williamson

Saxophonist will perform at Philip Clouts' Jazz Café in Bridport

known for blowing exceptionally good tunes on the tenor sax and for his repertoire of somewhat risqué old blues songs.

He's played with his own bands the Honkin' Hep Cats and Big Buzzard Boogie Band on BBC Radios 2, 3 and 4; at Buckingham Palace; and as a sideman with Tom Robinson, Suggs, and Martha Reeves & the Vandellas. He has recently masterminded large scale projects celebrating the

ANDY WILLIAMSON is music of Duke Ellington known for blowing excepand George Gershwin.

His versatile style on sax and voice creates an interesting, eclectic and highly enjoyable performance, ably assisted by Philip Clouts at the piano.

Andy Williamson will play with Philip Clouts at the Jazz Café at Bridport Arts Centre on Friday, January 15th at 5pm.

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12 ROUNDS 3: LOCKDOWN 12A

POLICE officer John Shaw returns to duty after recovering from a gun shot wound to discover incriminating evidence of illegal activities against those closest to him. He quickly finds himself trapped inside his own precinct, hunted and in search of the truth, as the crooked cops stop at nothing to recover the evidence.

Stars Jonathan Good (aka WWE wrestler Dean Ambrose), Roger R. Cross and Daniel Cudmore.

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ALEXANDER, a boy who has been raised in a sequestered commune, finds that his increasing unwillingness to fall in line puts him on a collision course with Gregori, the society's charismatic and domineering leader.

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Cinema Listings

Fri, Jan 8th - Thu, Jan 14th

LYME REGIS REGENT Tel: 0871 230 3200 www.scottcinemas.co.uk

Star Wars: Episode VII - The Force Awakens 2D 12A Fri, Mon-Thu: 19.30 Sat & Sun: 16.00, 19.30 Snoopy and Charlie Brown: The Peanuts Movie ^U Sat & Sun: 13.30

DORCHESTER ODEON www.odeon.co.uk

Listings not available at time of print. Please visit the website for up-to-date information.

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Daddy's Home 12A Fri, Tue, Wed: 15.15, 17.45 Sat-Mon: 12.00, 17.45 Thu: 17.30

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THURSDAY JANUARY 7TH

DORCHESTER: The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship will meet at 2 for 2.30pm in the Boys Brigade Hall, Sawmills Lane, Dorchester DT1 2RZ when there will be a talk on Farm and Agriculture Advancement at Sydling St Nicholas. The West Dorset Health Service Retirement Fellowship was set up over 30 years ago for retired employees of the Health Service and their partners living in Dorset and meet on the first Thursday of every month except August and December. In addition to the monthly meetings, we have coach outings, a theatre trip and Christmas lunch. New members welcome. Contact 01305 261676 or 785546 for further information.

FRIDAY JANUARY 8TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Compe tition: Street Photography. Followed by Penny Piddock with her presentation on Creative light. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

LYME REGIS: U3A Heritage Coast."Escape from Christchurch" - talk by Richard Hamblin of the British Geological Survey. Richard was standing almost at the epicentre of the devastating earthquake in Christchurch, New Zealand. He will describe his traumatic journey from the epicentre to the evacuation centre. Woodmead Hall, Hill Road, Lyme Regis. Coffee/tea from 10am. Talk at 11am. Free for members, suggested donation £2 for talk for non-members.

BRIDPORT: Dorset Wildlife Trust - West Dorset Group "The National Trust's West Dorset Coast Estate", an illustrated talk by John Newbould, NT volunteer ecologist. 7.30pm, Bridport United Church Hall, East Street, DT6 3LJ. Non-members welcome; refreshments. Suggested donations of £2 (nonmembers £3) to help cover costs. Tel 01308 423442

BROADWINDSOR: Broadwindsor Cinema and Comrades Hall present the film '45 Years', at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 on the door. For more details and reservations call 01308 868582 or 01308 867644.

MONDAY JANUARY 11TH

Dorchester: Cruse Bereavement Care Dorset -Support Group meeting. At the United Church, 2-4pm. Have a chat over a cup of tea or coffee. For more details call 07767 305696.

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BRIDPORT: Sing with us! Friendly and fun harmony singing. All songs taught by ear - no auditions. Everyone very welcome! St. Mary's Church Hall, South Street. 10.15am -12.00. Contact Lesley on 01258 837775 for more information.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 13TH

Dorchester: Evergreen Cinema at Age UK Dorch-

ester will screen Elvis Presley's first movie, 'Love Me Tender'. Elvis makes a creditable acting debut in the dramatic 1956 film, set in the dying hours of the American Civil War. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits will be served during the showing, for just £1.50. Ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH

Dorchester: Plant Heritage Dorset Group, 'The Spectacular plants of Newfoundland', an illustrated talk by Dr Bob Gibbons, wildlife photographer, botanist and writer. 7.30 pm, in the Pengelly Room, Kingston Maurward College DT2 8PY, following AGM at 7.00pm. Visitors welcome (£2.50; students £1.00 at door). Details from Rob on 01929 481535 and the NCCPG website.

TUESDAY JANUARY 19TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Meeting 2-4pm at Woodmead Halls. Celia Olsson from Devon will show us how to achieve texture in watercolour and mixed media. All are welcome. Nonmembers admittance is £5. Contact Sheila on 01297 445464 for more details

THURSDAY JANUARY 21st

DORCHESTER: South Dorset R.S.P.B. Group will give a talk at St George's Church Hall, Fordington, Dorchester at 7-45 p.m. The talk will be given by Neil Gartshore, tour leader and photographer, on Birdwatching in Spain. The birds of marshes and mountains and their migration. Admission: Group members £3.00. Visitors £3.50 to include coffee and biscuits.

FRIDAY JANUARY 22ND

LYME REGIS: Lyme Bay Photographic Club. Jonathan Walker, Archive pictures of war photography from the Crimea to latest conflicts. At Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, 7.30pm.

MONDAY JANUARY 25TH

BURTON BRADSTOCK: Biodanza at Othona. Express. Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. For those who have attended 5 or more Biodanza sessions. £7 (concs available). At Othona Community, Coast Road. For more details call 01308 897 130 or visit biodanza-bridport.co.uk

TUESDAY JANUARY 26TH

LYME REGIS: Lyme Regis Art Society. Workshop 10am-1pm at Lyme Regis Football Club, Charmouth Road, Lyme Regis. A follow up to Stephen Foster's demonstration on a seascape in oil over acrylic, using a palette knife. Free on site parking. All are welcome. Please contact Sue Wells on 01297 444289 to register and for more information including suggested list of materials.

THURSDAY JANUARY 28TH

BEAMINSTER: Rajah Jarrah will be speaking to the One World Forum in the Strode Room, 7.30pm, about 'Sustainable International Development'. Visitors £4 includes tea/coffee/biscuits. Enquiries Peter 01308 458283

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LYME REGIS: Introduction to Mindfulness Workshop at Masonic Hall, 1-4pm. Buy one, bring a friend for half price! To find out more or to book visit www.growagain.co.uk or call 07554 451 347.

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Artsreach is springing up all across Dorset!

HOT OFF the press and available now, Artsreach's new spring programme is packed with around 70 professional performances set to take place in village halls right across Dorset between now and Easter..

For music lovers, a real medley of styles and genres is on offer this spring. Featuring Mabon's Jamie Smith and Oliver Wilson-Dickson, Welsh folk trio Alaw draw upon their wealth of experience for a true musical journey, while Tom 'Spats' Langham and Hot Fingers explore the origin of acoustic blues, joined by talented vocalist Emily Campbell, returning following their fivenight sell out Dorset tour in 2013. The partnership between Artsreach and The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra continues, with a serenade concert by The Resonate Strings and the contemporary ensemble Kokoro performing works inspired by Purcell, and Messiaen's extraordinary 'Quartet for the End of Time'. Folk duo Ninebarrow and gypsy-swing band Moscow Drug Club continue their tours following high demand in the autumn, whilst extraordinary clarinetist Susi Evans and the London Klezmer Quartet give one special concert in January. Multi-instrumentalist Vera Van Heeringen and her trio will deliver an evening of American country inspired tunes and sizzling London-based Latin jazz

their Artsreach debut. We are excited also to be welcoming Zulu Tradition to the County, with a heady athletic dance, drums and colourful costumes that's sure to be a real highlight of the season.

We are sure there will be several onstage highlights much-loved Artsreach performers returning to . the circuit. Forest Forge give a final performance of their magical family show 'Hansel & Gretel'. whilst Cornish star Dave Mynne dons his cape once more for a skillful one-man adaptation of Bram Stoker's 'Dracula' expect to be thrilled and musical celebration of the life of William Barnes in 'The Year Clock', while acclaimed company Farn-

ham Maltings offer two theatrical treats this season; based on the hit film the company use their inimitable style to present the magic of 'It's a Wonderful Life' then. later in the season, return with 'The Iranian Feast', their hugely popular play with food, song and dance from the heart of Persia.

As well as the fantastic family show by Forest Forge, Artsreach have three delightful shows for children



aged 4+ touring during the February half-term. The UK's top puppet company PuppetCraft are back with the mischievous super-hero 'Monkey', their show inspired by the great Chinese story. Then Angel Heart & Rattlebox continue their Nordic adventure with 'Freya A Viking Saga'; expect dunderheaded giants and boisterous gods. Both shows have associated workshops but with limited places so do enquire when



pets, illusion and amazing experiments, Light Theatre present the tale of Jack and 'The Magic Beanstalk'.

The wonderfully agile and acrobatic string quartet Bowjangles bring 'On the Box' to four venues early in the season; expect the usual mix of exhilarating dance routines, rousing songs and exceptional musicianship! Storyteller Malcolm Green shares stories of his time on

an uninhabited Icelandic island, accompashow by the musicians and storyteller of The Devil's Violin.

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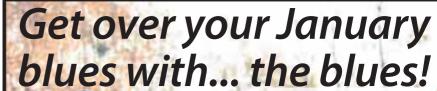
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ing around Dorset with Artsreach this spring. Full details including individual box office numbers are on www.artsreach.co.uk and outlets where you can pick up a copy of the programme include libraries, arts centres and tourist information centres. You can also find Artsreach on Facebook and Twitter

Zulu Tradition





cals) and Paolo Fuschi (Guitar and Vocals) play Classic 50s and 60s blues, R&B, and a little Ska, and bring their unique sound to Bridport's Electric Palace on Friday, January 8th. This new Manchester blues project

feature hot, driving harp, immaculate, searing guitar and soulful vocals.

Mat and Paolo recreate the best of the golden age of urban blues. Bassist Bo Lee and Drummer Adam Dawson will be joining Mat and Paolo for this

Their music has been on air in the UK, Germany, Spain, Canada and the USA.

Mat Walklate is a professional musician and music teacher and is multi-talented in the roots of traditional music on the flute, harmonica, low whistle and tin whistle, as well as vocals.

He is a member of three groups. The Moochers, The Sturdy Beggars and

Paolo Fuschi was born in Sicily, Italy where he lived until the age of 22. During these years Paolo developed a strong passion for Blues guitar and he performed with several artists in the music scene of Palermo, his home city. Mat Walklate and Paolo Fuschi perform the Electric Palace's next Blues Night on Friday, January 8th. Doors open 7pm, with music from 8pm.

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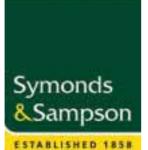
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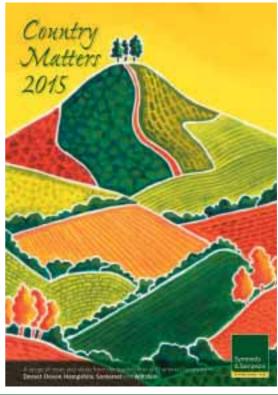


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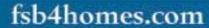
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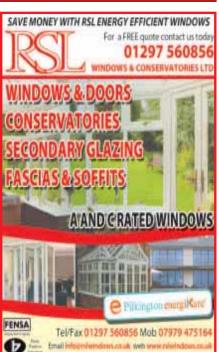
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A detailed test of a driver's visual acuity and field of view should be required every 10 years, according to GEM.

GEM chief executive David Williams MBE comments: "We are worried that a large number of drivers have not had their eyes tested for many years - and some have never had a test.

"Many of us assume our vision is fine and does not require a check-up; however we have no way of knowing this for sure. That's why it's so important for road safety that the Government take steps to ensure regular, compulsory testing for all drivers.

"We believe it is unacceptable to operate a system where a driver can read a number plate aged 17 and carry on driving for 50 years or more without any eyesight check whatsoever.

"Along with many road safety organisations, we believe everyone should undergo a compulsory, professional eyesight test when applying for a provisional licence, with a further test every 10 years after that.

The current 'number plate' eyesight test was introduced to the driving test in 1937 and has only been amended in minor ways over the years to reflect changing number plate sizes. It is the only eyesight test drivers are required to undertake until they reach the age of 70.

According to GEM, the test is crude and outdated, as it only measures visual acuity (sharpness). It could also quite easily examine a driver's field of view. as is done in many US states, to check whether motorists can see and react to what's happening around them.

David Williams concludes: "The time has come to accept that the current driver eyesight test simply isn't fit for purpose. What's more, it is certainly no longer acceptable for drivers to self-certify.

"As more and more people are staying behind the wheel into their eighties and beyond, the need for mandatory eye-

sight testing has never been more pressing."

The Still Safe to Drive (www.stillsafetodrive.org.uk) website, funded by the GEM Motoring Assist Road Safety Charity, maintains an excellent video library, which includes an interview with optometrist Professor Steve Taylor on how our eyesight alters with age.



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Meanwhile, the exciting new Golf R-Line Edition replaces the R-Line trim and, for an increase of just £250 OTR, adds an additional £1,730-worth of equipment including larger 18-inch Serron alloys wheels and a panoramic sunroof. The Golf R-Line Edition will be available to order from £24,860 RRP OTR and, as with the new GT Edition, is set to arrive in Volkswagen UK Retailer showrooms early in 2016.

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Local football round-up with Howard Larcombe



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Cup final abandoned after injury

New year deluge decimates opening fixture lists

DIVISION ONE CUP FINAL

DRIMPTON 1 HAWKCHURCH UTD 1 (at Misterton – aban 59 min) by Howard Larcombe

SATURDAY'S Division One Cup Final was sadly curtailed after just 59 minutes after Drimpton , defender Lee Banks suffered fractures to his tibia and fibula in his right leg.

The former Crewkerne Town captain climbed into a full-blooded, but fair, 50-50 chal-lenge with Hawkchurch's Dan Richards and was left prone on the Unity Lane turf with his agony plain for all of the 100 plus crowd to see.

Prior to this the match had been an evenly balanced affair.

Drimpton went close inside the opening two minutes with a Simon Denslow header and a low drive from Barry Hayne both of which were saved well by Hawks' keeper James Mitcham.

But the Devonians replied with a string of decent chances with Gavin Herrod and Jon Turner both firing narrowly wide while Josh Short squandered two clear-cut opportunites.

But the first major incident of the half came in the 23rd minute when talented Drimpton centre back Josh Parsons won the ball in the crunching tackle on Short.

But experienced referee Mike Dobson deemed the challenge to be a foul to the surprise of both sets of players and awarded a penalty.

To his credit, referee Dobson, after being implored by the Drimpton players, went across to check with linesman Jeff Farley - who was perfectly positioned to see the incident clearly - and the outcome was a

At the other on Drimpton should have taken the lead on the half hour when Chris that skidded through the Hawks' defence but shot wide when well placed.

The deadlock was broken in the 35th minute when Hawkchurch top-scorer Gavin Herrod won a aerial duel and, as the ball dropped kindly, hooked a close range volley past Nathan

fashion when he coolly guided the ball high into the roof of the net from the edge of the box.

Hawkchurch going agonisingly close in the 48th minute.

But the action was cut short by the sad injury and referee Dobson abandoned the match with an ambulance appearing 20 minutes later to whisk Banks off to Bristol hospital for treatment.

wishes Lee a speedy recovery. The match will be replayed

Drimpton; Nathan Turnbull, Wes Gullin, Lee Banks, Josh Parsons, Nick Murphy, Mark Pearce (Capt), Chris Rowswell, Gavin Tanner, Simon Denslow, Craig Lodge, Barry Hayne. Subs; Liam Adams, Callan Strelley, George Tuck, Chris Fry, Craig Studley.

Hawkchurch; James Mitcham, Brad Cross, Jon Turner, Simon Herrod. Jack Chapple, Josh Short, Dan Richards, Jamie Harris, Gavin

Turnbull in the Drimpton goal. But the lead lasted just six minutes. A cross from the Drimpton right wing was only half cleared and Rowswell atoned for his earlier miss in fine

The second-half began with

Richards, who had a fine game pulling the strings in the mid-field, cut in from the left flank only to be denied by a low save from Turnball, the ball then ran loose to the waiting Jack Larcombe whose follow-up shot was hacked off the line by Par-

local football family

with the venue and date yet to be confirmed.



Herrod, Ollie Pearce. Subs; Mark Herrod, Brad Pearce, Stuart Weir,

STUART BROOM

FIXTURES

Tonight, January 6th EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (7.45pm) Frome Town v Weymouth

Saturday, January 9th EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (3pm) Wevmouth v Hitchin

TOOLSTATION PREMIER (3pm) Bridport v Longwell Green

DORSET PREMIER (2pm) Balti Sports v Hamworthy Recreation Holt Utd v Bridport Reserves Wareham Rangers v Weymouth Res

DEVON & EXETER (2.15pm) Div 2 - Culm Utd v Lyme Regis Div 6 - Elmore Res v Lyme Regis Res

PERRY STREET LEAGUE (all 2pm ko unless stated) DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP (L16) Thorncombe (D1) v S Pethn Res (D2) Uplyme (D1) v Dowlish & Donyatt (D3) JACK VENN CUP R1 Combe St Nicholas B v Merriott Rovers PREMIER

Barrington v Winsham Utd Chard Utd v Forton Rangers Lyme Bantams v W & M Chinnock Netherbury v South Petherton Perry Street v Beaminster

DIVISION ONE

Crewkerne Rangers v Barrington Res Drimpton v Combe St Nicholas A Ilminster Colts v Waytown Hounds Pymore v Beaminster Reserves DIVISION TWO

Farway Utd v Thorncombe Res Merriott Dynamos v Chard Utd Res Shepton Beau Res v Chard Rangers DIVISION THREE

Chard Rangers Res v Netherbury Res Halstock v Chard Utd AllStars Charmouth v Perry Street Reserves Fivehead v Uplyme Reserves

Tuesday, January 12th EVO-STIK SOUTH PREMIER (7.45) Kettering Town v Dorchester Town TOOLSTATION PREMIER (7.45)

A view on the glovers BY STUART BROOM

Manager appointed but Darren's not the Way to go

OR anyone who may have read my piece on the Glovers on our website last week, prior to the announcement of the new Yeovil Town manager, no, this is not the same article. but me repeating what I said then, and still believe, following the confirmation of Darren Way as the club's new manager. As much as I would love

'Dazza' to succeed, both history and the state the club are currently in suggests that will not

I don't know of any fan who seriously thought chairman John Fry would appoint anyone other that Way once he was given the caretaker job after Paul Sturrock's sacking. Fry had already made his decision.

His reluctance to spend money and going for the cheap option has shown his lack of ambition to move the club forward has been seen many times, none more so when appointing new managers; a trait in recent years that has seen the club now on the brink of being relegated from the Football

If they fail to avoid the drop, they will make history in being the first FL club to be relegated in three successive seasons.

Once again Fry has turned to

his backroom staff to manage the club, a decision that has proved disastrous in previous years with Terry Skiverton as manager and Way as his assistant. However, despite this record of failure he continues to go down the same

When will he learn that sometimes you have to speculate to ac-

There was a lot of speculation after Sturrock's departure as to who the club might appoint, but most fans thought this was only paper talk.

Despite a number of names being muted like the experienced Ian Holloway, at the top of the spectrum, and the likes of Jamie McAllister and Marcus Stewart looking to cut their teeth in management, I wonder how many actually applied?

How many looked at the club and the way it has been run, and thought that is a club I could suc-

Would Holloway risk his reputation, or a rookie worry that the experience was going to put them off managing as a career?

It would also be interesting to know just how many potential people were interviewed by the

Saturday's "six-pointer" against York City, 90th and 92nd in the Football League lived up to its billing; a game of missed passes and clumsy tackles.

To be fair Yeovil did show more passion than in recent games, but their lack of a cutting edge up front once again let them

Without Francois Zoko who once again worked his socks off they are left wanting. He won the sponsors POM award again; perhaps they are hoping these accolades will persuade him to sign another contract; but for me it was captain Darren Ward in the centre of defence who signed an 18-month contract prior to the game, ensured a more assured Glovers defence than of late.

The win, courtesy of a Matt

Dolan spot-kick following a rather dubious penalty decision from referee James Linington, gave the Glovers the points, but I

still fear for them. Way has plenty of enthusiasm but whether he has the nous, not seen in the past, to keep them up we shall

All we can do now is get behind him, as this really is the last

Skivvo set for Spurs?

RUMOUR has it that Skiverton, who three times unsuccessfully managed the team and is currently assistant manager, will be leaving Huish Park this month to take up a job as coach to Tottenham Hotspurs Under 18 side.

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Dorchester

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(Season's best; 55 Evai Wellman WDC A).

Trinity M Purbeck Potters .. W.Dorset Club A

Team Handicap KO Cup Round Two; WDC YYMFDT 4 WDC Whipping Boys 1, Trinity Gooduns 4 Collitor XQ2015 0, Colliton Hope

Semi-finals; Gooduns v Trinity M (Fel 3rd), WDC YYMFDT

Bridport Darts

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Fleet Street Five	13
Hands of Time	12
Nomads	10
It's in the Middle10	9
Nags Head A10	7
Noth'n But Treble 10	6
Odds or Us	4
Young Darters10	2
Young Darters	2 Pts
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Mis Fits	9	12
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Tiger Bees	8	9
Midnight Runners	9	8
No Direction	Q	7

The Royal Nuts

Poachers . . . Royal Hawks Time Bombs

Division Four Pld	Pts
Dart Vaders9	16
Wicked Team Name 9	13
The Nameless 9	12
Dodgers	10
Sorted Odds	9
Whamo9	9
Thunder Birds are Go9	8
Odds & Sods	8
Mozzies Heroes 9	3
Ace of Clubs9	2

Ladies Division One Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	27
Arrows Awry	23
Tender Trap	18
Clocking On	16
Sue's Rebels	14
Queen Bees	12
Against the Odds	4

Ladies Division Two Pld Queenies of the Club	Pts 26
Up and Downers	20 18
Wildcats	17
Good Mates	13
Tiger Stripes	12 11
Anchors Aweigh	8

180s: D1 - M.Fisher (Hands of Time) x8, D2 S.Crabb (Les Miserables) x3, D3 - Nine players x1, D4 - A.Page (Wicket TN) x3, LD1 - T.Dawe & S.James (both Anchor Aces), S.Hallett (Clocking On) all x1, LD2 - T.Wayland (Wrong Bed) x1.

Dorchester Judo

THE Dorset Judo Squad has recently represented the

county during the Western Area County Championship Competition held in Weston-super-Mare. In all six teams were entered into the competition cov-

to gain Bronze medals. The competition was of a high calibre, showcasing some of the best judo players in the Western Area including some that have represented Great Britain at home

Chairman of Dorset Judo Tony Smith said: " I'm very proud of what the county clubs have achieved this year, and with a steady flow of new students joining the sport,

the county is going from strength to strength, it's an ex-

citing time to be a part of Dorset Judo". Judo is an Olympic sport and is all-inclusive - great for fitness, fun, self-defence, discipline - and can be played at any level and is suitable from aged five years and up-

There are Judo clubs throughout Dorset, to find your nearest club visit dorsetiudo.com www.britishjudo.org.uk.

◆ Dorchester Judo Club has been in the County Town since 1952 and is holding an Adult Beginners Course (ABC) in the New Year, for more information email info@dorchesterjudoclub.co.uk or visit our Facebook page.



◆ BRINGING HOME THE MEDALS: The Dorset Judo squad which did well the recent Western Area Championships landing three Bronze medals

Cribbage leagues update

LYME REGIS

Results - December 21st: Ax Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 2, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 3, Nags Head 3 Beer Club 2, Royal Oak 3 Lamb Swans 2, Old Inn Kilm 2 Stepps 3, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Inn 3.

Beer League; Axminster Con Club 3 New Inn Kilm B 0, Talbot Arms 2 Gerrard Arms 1, Nags Head 0 Beer Club 3, Royal Oak 2 Lamb Swans 1, Old Inn Kilm 2

A GROUP of eight Barracudas' swimmers attended the recent West Dorset Christmas Meet held at

Thomas Hardy Leisure Centre in Bridport where there were 13 swim-

ming clubs taking part from across

The group achieved 20 personal

bests and some gained County and Regional qualifying times.

Henry Wyrill had an outstanding day which saw win every race he en-

tered and was awarded the trophy

stroke and 5th in 50 and 100 freestyle.
Kirron Wheeler came 2nd in 50 fly,
50 backstroke and 50 freestyle.

Henry also set five club records, Harry three club records and Kirron

Charlotte Hussey achieved three

personal best times, Chloe Burns

four personal best times and Izzy

King and Ben Fry recorded one each

OCAL trainer Harry Fry

started the New Year in

grand style with a win-

ner at Exeter on New Year's

Day, whilst former Melplash

and Henley resident Bob Buck-

ler claimed a second at the

same meeting with Somerset

Lias ion the big race of the day

Fry winners to 34 for the sea-

son, just three behind his best

ever total of 37 last year, when

winning the Bathwick Tyres

Activial took Seaborough's

Horse Racing

for Best Boy Swimmer of the Day. Harry Stewart came 2nd in 50 breaststroke and 3rd in 100 breast-

the region.

Stepps 1, Ship Inn LR 2 Axminster Inn 1. Fixtures (Jan 4th); Stepps v Ship Inn LR, Lamb Swans v Old Inn Kilm, Beer Club v Royal Oak, Gerrard Arms v Nags Head, New Inn Kilm B v Talbot Arms, Axminster Inn v New Inn Kilm A.

League table	Pld	Pts
Gerrard Arms	14	44
Stepps	14	40
Nags Head	15	39
Royal Oak	15	39
Lamb Swans	14	38
Axminster Cons	14	37

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◆ FESTIVE JOY: Bridport Barracudas' Henry Wyrill, Harry Stewart, Ben King, Charlotte

won with Zulu Oscar over two

miles at Kempton and with

three seconds and a third only

saw two horses finish out of the

Meanwhile Buckler who has

reduced his horses in training to

eight since moving to a 60 acre

sheep and cattle farm in the

Quantocks saw Somerset Lias

finish second in the 3m Bath-

The eight-year-old disap-

pointed on his previous run

wick Tyres Handicap Chase.

Hussey and Chloe Burns pictureda at the recent West Dorset Christmas meet.

Fry starts year with winner while Buckler goes close

Taunton Beginners' Chase over

Starting as 2/7favourite in a

field of five, the six-year-old

tracked the leaders early on be-

fore being hampered at the

He took the lead four out and

after jumping badly left at the

next two was shaken up by

Noel Fehily to run out an easy

It was a successful post

Christmas for Fry who also

winner by 16 lengths.

2m3f.

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WITH STUART BROOM

three weeks earlier at Taunton

when finishing sixth to Sandy Beach over 2m7f, and although

Rocky Bender overhauled him

just before the last at Exeter he

He also had success with Bal-

lvegan at Towcester the week

Liam Heard pressed favourite

Riddlestown five out in the 2m3f handicap chase and stayed on to win by five

held on well for second.

before Christmas.

lengths.

Bridport rugby fixtures ahead 1st XV

Sat (January 9th) Bournemouth 3rds (A), JANUARY 16TH v Yeovil (A), JANUARY 23RD v Poole (A), JANUARY 30TH v Ellingham & Ringwood 2nds (H), FEBRUARY 13TH v Fording-

bridge 2nds (A), FEBRUARY 20TH v New Milton II (H)

(above are all 2.15pm ko)

Moonfleet

MOONFLEET 2000 Indoor Bowls Club are holding an OPEN DAY at their Knightsdale Road, Weymouth home from 10am to 4pm on **Saturday**, (January

Club spokesman Mike Gale said: "Come and join us and try Indoor Bowls for free, no is experience necessary. All bowls and shoes are supplied, no need to book, just turn up.

"For anyone interested,

For more information please ring Mike Gale on 01305 759106

Table skittles

0	Bridport & District	Lea	ıgu	e
Þ	Division A Pd	Pts	BL	
	Jesters12	47	9	
	Crown Duels12	46	11	
	What an Anchor12	39	8	
,	No Hopers11	35	4	
Þ	Morris Heads10	34	6	
	Hopeless Anchors12	32	6	
b	What's the Odds12	31	7	
	Mucking Fuddlers 11	28	3	
	Fred's Heroes	23	6	
Þ	Ria Gunners	21	8	
	Odds Against	20	2	
•	George Gormets12	15	2	
	The Devils11	14	5	
	Consorts 11	14	2	

Division B Pd	Pts	BL
Pat the Hat11	37	6
Fishermens Friends10	35	8
Baggies Boys 10	33	7
Slingers11	31	6
Bellends9	28	2
Nelson Villains 10	28	7
Hit & Hope	27	5
Little Nibblers11	27	6
Mel's men9	19	4
Stick Ups8	16	3
Five Alive11	16	4
About Time9	13	3
Has Beens9	10	3
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Open day

courses by fully qualified coaches are to follow.

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George Gormets 12	2 15	2
The Devils1		5
Consorts	1 14	2

Alley Skittles

Wednesday, January 6th 2016 39

Lyme Regis

Men's Division One; Skippy's Six 305 (+BL) Marksmen 330, Torna-does 322 Young Guns 334 (BL Drawn), Anthill Mob 307 Wreckers 303 (+BL), Rousdon Rebels 341 (+BL) No Hopers 372. (+BL) = Beer Leg

Men's Division Two Cawston Cup; Trappers beat British Legion.

Mens Div One	Pld	Pts	BI
Marksmen	8	12	6
No Hopers	7	12	4
Young Guns	8	10	14
Wreckers	8	10	10
Rousdon Rebels	8	10	8
Anthill Mob	8	6	10
Clueless			
Tornadoes	8	4	
Tornadoes	8	2	7

Bridport

CUP fixtures Mens Individuals (R2) Tuesday, 12th January ILCHESTER ARMS; N. Pye; A Cauldwell; B Robinson; R Pincombe; M Powell; C Willcox; D Cooper; M Horton; M Huxter; A Gay; S Lee; D Cowburn; B Chap-ple; L Dare; S Welsford; C Langdon.

Ladies Individuals (R1) Wednesday, January 13th BRADPOLE CLUB — S New-man; G Legg; M Paulley; J Brooks; E Hooper; M Hansford; C Lambert; S Luter; H Doble; J Cake; K Tuck; C Huxter; J Symes.

Division A Pd Rejects 10 Wanderers 9 Nelson Nobblers 9 Shipfaced 9 Rough Eight 10 Denhay 9 Lively Lads 9 Rockets 10 Masters 10	F
District D.	

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INSIDE: Local sport round-up

Magpies and Terras both looking good



Holmes is set to be a big influence at the Avenue Stadium

well placed in the Evo-Stik League Southern Premier as they enter the New Year.

The Terras are handily placed in sixth, just two points off a play-off place with games in hand over their higher placed rivals, whilst the Magpies are only four points further away in 12th position.

Weymouth have the best defensive record in the league having only conceded 18 goals in 24 games, but are finding goals hard to come by having only netted 34 times, ten of which came in two home matches; four against Frome Town in the first game of the season, and six against Slough Town just before Christmas.

They have always been in contention, reaching the heady top spot in early October and are currently unbeaten in their last four matches albeit three of them draws including the Boxing Day derby against the Magpies, and have one of the best players in the league in Chris Shephard.

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Manager Jason Matthews will be well aware that his charges were even better placed this time last year when top of the league; they and Poole Town looking certainties for pro-

However, after beating Cambridge City their season fell apart dramatically as they spiralled out of contention losing 13 and winning just five of their last 22 matches to finish seventh.

They had a chance to get things up and running yesterday at Paulton Rovers last night (Tuesday), although the recent bad weather made the chances of playing slim.

Dorchester Town have undergone transformation during 2015 with player manager Mark Jermyn taking the reins in late January, since when the Magpie's longest serving player has turned things around.

Lying 21st on his return, he spent the rest of

Together with assistant manager Nick Crittenden and coach Stuart Heath he has since reformed the team bringing back some of the players that left following the club's slashing of the budget under Phil Simkin, and blending them with young talent, both locally and the help of local clubs AFC Bournemouth and AFC Portsmouth amongst others.

As a result the performances have been uplifting, and whilst Jermyn acknowledges there is still some way to go, he believes that he is on the right track to making the Magpies promotion play-off candidates if not this year, then next season.

The inconsistency of results in rebuilding the squad has led to them yo-yoing up and down the top half of the league.

Two draws against second placed Chippenham Town and Weymouth in their last two games suggests that they will be there or thereabouts come the end of the campaign.



six goals in 25 appearances so far in his breakthrough season with Dorchester

